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METHODISTS START DRIVE FOR CHURCH ADDITION

Approximately 250 guests were present, in the high school cafeteria, Monday night, in attendance at a dinner in which the Wilmington Methodist church announced the beginning of its campaign, for an addition to the church. A goal of at least \$40,000 was announced by the Rev. Richard Harding, pastor of the church.

The church has made plans for a new sanctuary, together with a social hall, and classrooms, to be added to the present church. The new portion of the building will extend along Church street, in the direction of the parsonage. The social hall and the classrooms will be in the basement. The plans for the social hall are such that it will lend itself into division for classrooms. Above these rooms, on the main floor, will be the new sanctuary, with the old sanctuary to be converted into a chapel and classrooms.

Among the guests at the dinner were Edward Spradling, socialist, a student at Boston University School of Theology, Representative and Mrs. Charles Wilkinson, of Reading, Larz Neilson, Editor of the Wilmington Crusader, and two representatives of the Chase Associates, the Rev. Horatio Chase and the Rev. Ralph Nichols. The Chase Associates are assisting the Methodist church, in their drive.

Minot Anderson, chairman of the fund raising committee, congratulated the committee chairmen, for the work that had been by the various groups, in preparation for the drive. Malcolm Butler, lay leader of the church, who was unable to attend sent an inspirational message to be read by Mrs. Butler, who also read letters of greetings and encouragement from Governor Christian A. Herter, Bishop John Wesley Lord, Rev. Archiver Strait, and the former pastor of the church, the Rev. Otis A. Maxfield. Mr. Harding read a personal letter from Sumner G. Whittier, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts.

who had been a Sunday School teacher in the Glendale Methodist church, which the Rev. Harding attended in his youth.

BLACK AND BLISS WIN SELECTMEN'S RACE

Charles H. Black of Church street was re-elected to the Board of electmen, last Saturday, for his 18th year of service. Elected with him was E. Hayward Bliss, of Glen Road. Bliss has now resigned as chairman of the Wildwood School Building Committee.

Ernest M. Crispo was re-elected for his fifth term of service on the Wilmington School Committee. He is now beginning his 13th year on the school board. Also re-elected was John F. Hartnett, of Woburn street, who is now beginning his third term, having served six years on the board.

Atty. Simon Cutter of Church street was elected Moderator in a close race, and James M. Pipes of Chestnut street was re-elected to the Wilmington Housing Authority.

The complete vote was for Selectmen: Charles H. Black 1024, E. Hayward Bliss 772, Nicholas De-felice 715, James G. Duggan 163, Francis J. Hagerty 361 and Larz Neilson 449. For School Committee the vote was Ernest M. Crispo 1073, John F. Hartnett 1185, Gren-fall K. Bickford 404 and John Joseph Slater 862. For Moderator Ralph Currier 918 and Simon Cutter 967. For Wilmington Housing Authority (unopposed) James M. Pipes, 1490.

1925 voters cast ballots in the election.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Pre-School Registration will take place in April. Crowded conditions in our schools makes early registration more important than ever before.

Birth certificates, and certificates of successful vaccination must be presented.

No child will be registered without these certificates. Parents are urged to bring a record of immunization of diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough, if they have such a record.

Registration days will be as follows:

Tuesday, April 6—Walker School - 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Wednesday, April 7—Whitefield School - 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Thursday, April 8—M. H. Rogers School 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Friday, April 9—Maple Meadow School - 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Wednesday, April 14—West School - 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Thursday, April 15—Center School - 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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TOWN MEETING SATURDAY AT GREER'S

The annual town meeting of Wilmington will be held Saturday afternoon, at the J. W. Greer plant cafeteria, on south Main street. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

It is planned to adjourn the meeting, for a supper recess, sometime about 5 p.m., and to resume again, about 7 p.m.

Thirty Five articles are on the warrant, for the consideration of the voters this year.

AMERICAN LEGION TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Wilmington Post 136, American Legion, is to observe its 35th anniversary, during the week of March 15-22, and plans are being made for a Social night on March 20th, the thirty fifth birthday of the post. The evening, in charge of Vice Commander Nicholas De-felice and James Breen, will feature a musical program, and there will be dancing.

The thirty fifth anniversary finds the Wilmington post at an all time high, in membership, with the total mark approaching 250 members. Over 100 new members have joined the organization during the last year.

Joining with the Legion, in its anniversary party, will be the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary.

NOTED SPEAKER AT P.T.A. NEXT TUESDAY

Dr. Jacob Greenwood Mark, one of the outstanding men in American Science, is to be the speaker at the Parent Teachers Association meeting, next Tuesday. He is an executive of the Dewy & Almy Chemical Co., and has a distinguished record, in chemistry, government, and with the United States Army. After the last war he was sent to Europe, by the United States Government, in charge of a staff of workers, to investigate and report on the chemical industries of Germany and Italy, and their allies.

Dr. Mark's subject, at the P.T.A. meeting is "Science, a challenge to youth". All young people in the community have been invited, by president Fred Corum to attend the meeting. Refreshments are to be served. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

This Board will hold a public hearing in the Town Hall on Monday, March 15, 1954 at 7:30 P.M. on the petition of George Vokey, 107 Rockwell Street, Malden, Mass. for the right to deviate from the Building By-Laws in laying out a parcel of land on Main Street next to Carter Street, Wilmington, Mass.

Howard Woolaver
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Wilmington Board of Appeals

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JEAN SETS NEW NO. AMERICAN RECORD

Jean Ashworth, 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ashworth of Church street set a new record, on the 330 yard indoor race, in the North American Speed Championship Skating at Lake Placid, Sunday afternoon.

Jean won every heat, and every race, in which she was entered, over the two-day event. Jean was way ahead of every contestant, in every race. Among those that Jean beat was Mary Novak, of Chicago, who had won the North American Outdoor races, over Jean, a month ago, at Pittsfield. It was the first

time that Mary Novak had been beaten, in 147 consecutive races.

The new record, as set by Jean, for the 330 yard race, for Junior Girls, is 34 seconds. The previous record was 37 seconds.

Races in which Jean was entered, and won were: 330 yard, 440 yard and half mile. She won all of them, and demonstrated beyond all doubt that she is the fastest girl on indoor skates, between the ages of 14 and 16, in all of North America.

314 contestants were entered in the meet.

LAWLER CHAIRMAN OF SELECTMEN

Henry "Jim" Lawler, Adams street, was elected chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Monday night, by unanimous vote of the board. Lawler objected, on the grounds that business reasons would keep him from attending meetings, and nominated Charles H. Black, chairman for the past year. Lawler was nominated by Joseph H. Woods, of Beacon street.

Each of the selectmen paid tribute to Lawler, during the talk which preceded the vote. Black, in his arguments said: "I would like to have the town have the benefit of your judgement, which has often been pretty level-headed. You go into things quite thoroughly, and it is time that we had the benefit of some of your ideas."

New TM Discussion

The Selectmen had a discussion about procedure of naming the new Town Manager. About 30 odd applications have been received. About 25 of these have been eliminated, on grounds of insufficient experience, according to the town charter. It was voted to send to the International City Managers Association, in Chicago, for some of the "standard" forms for application, in order that the remaining candidates would be able to be questioned on the same basis, and thus assist the selectmen in making their final judgement. This had been Lawler's suggestion. Black pointed out that he believed that the

board should not choose a TM who had not had New England experience, because of the New England form of town government. Mrs. Drew reminded the board that the salary question was not settled. The telegram which had been sent to the International Association had mentioned a salary of \$7000, and the Finance Committee had voted \$6000 - "We won't know until after the town meeting". Black also questioned the wisdom of starting at a high salary, pointing out that the most ever received by the past town manager was \$6600.

Wildwood School

The selectmen discussed the possibility of reducing the 1954 tax rate by having a bond issue for the raising \$77000 needed for the Wildwood school. Acting Town Manager Walters reported that he had seen Herman Dine, in the state house, Monday, on this matter, and that Dine advised that the town cannot borrow under the general borrowing authority, but that the money could probably be had through the school building assistance act.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARTICLES

The Board of Health has four articles in the Town Warrant, for the consideration of the voters, next Saturday. A few words at this time would seem to be in order.

Three of these articles pertain to the collection of garbage and of rubbish in Wilmington. The Board of Health has given this problem a lot of study, and these articles are their answer.

There are those who say that this is not needed, and there are others who would like very much to have a service of this type. Which of these groups predominate is hard to say, and the answer will be found only in the town meeting.

Costs of collecting garbage, etc., in Wilmington has been reliably estimated as about \$24,000 a year, by a private contractor, and it is the authority to spend this money, plus the appropriation for this sum, or one similar that the Board of Health seeks.

There are criticisms. Many of the older residents have always had this problem solved, and they see no advantage in paying for a change. (Many newcomers, conversely, desire this service.)

We have had people point out to us that this contract should have been offered on a three year basis, instead of the yearly basis that the Board of Health prepared. This is a very good point. Our school bus system is on a three year contract basis, and we have much better service as a result. The contractor would be able to use the contract to buy better facilities, through the banks, something that he could not do with a one year contract.

On the other hand, the Board of Health feels that it is better to call for a one year contract at this time, because, even at its best, this will be an experiment. Changes will be necessary, after the system gets in operation, and the Board of Health wants to be in a position to be able to make these changes.

The cost is estimated at being \$1.90 on the tax rate, this year. To some this will hurt. Balanced against the costs of private collections, this may not really be more expensive. The average home pays \$9.00 a year for the collection of garbage, by private collectors. A home which is assessed at \$5000 will thus be paying \$9.50 for both garbage and rubbish collection. At the same time, of course, the tax rate will go up accordingly, and this year it will go up plenty, anyway.

It is up to the individual voter to weigh these things.

The other article, sponsored by the Board of Health, is far more important, in the viewpoint of this paper. This is the article that calls for the adoption of the sub-standard housing act. Wilmington has a large number of buildings, used as homes, which are ramshackle and should be destroyed. The Board of Health, at the present time, is practically powerless to do anything about this. Adoption of this article would empower these men to do much about this problem.

The Board of Health would not recommend this, without having given it serious thought. Unfortunately, the people of Wilmington probably do not know enough of the ramifications of this act, to vote intelligently. We hope that the members of the Board of Health will be prepared to explain clearly, at the Town Meeting.

ELECTION COMMENTS

If the recent elections proved anything, they proved that the people who get out and work are the ones who get results. All the large vote getters, in the Saturday election (with one possible exception) had waged a strenuous campaign, and the campaign paid off, as has been seen. (The possible exception is Charles H. Black. He did some campaigning, but not on a par with other candidates.)

As this paper predicted, the results in the Moderator's race was very close.

WATER

We are not very happy about the way that the article for the extension of water mains is presented to the town. Last year the town voted to go down Woburn street, and up Concord street, as far as the money would go. By the understanding which has been accepted for several years, this meant that Concord street was to be the first on the list this year. It has been supplanted by Main street.

We have no argument with the qualifications of Main street, but we do contend that Concord street is the only logical place at which to begin operations this year.

Last year we pointed out that the total cost of getting water from the then existing end of the main, on Woburn street to the end of Concord street would be about \$34,000. We supported this, even though, as we said, the cost per house was \$2,000. We supported the move because there were 17 homes there, without fire protection.

We have now done half the work, without any appreciable return to the town. Very few houses lie along the road where the work has been done, and there is no revenue to be expected. The revenue will come when the work is completed. Even when completed the revenue will not be sufficient to pay back the cost of the work, to the town, for many years.

How much worse is it, when we don't complete the work? We spend half the money, and then put the work aside to complete at a later date. We might as well have poured the money down a rat hole.

It is doubtful whether or not there will be \$30,000 appropriated this year. Because of this the committee reversed the expected order, arguing that at least the Main street job could be done, and some returns to be made to the town.

We have no swords to cross with the committee. They were not notified of their appointments until it was practically too late to do any serious work, and the results are to be seen. It is not their fault that their appointments were not made in sufficient time to allow them to have a thorough study.

Our fear about Concord street is this: Suppose the town votes only \$15,000—then the major part of this will be spent on Main street, as the article now reads. If this happens, we will have a large sum of money tied up in a "rat hole" not for one year, but for two or more. It just doesn't make sense.

THE WILDWOOD SCHOOL

Selectman Lawler, two weeks ago, suggested that the \$77,000 which is to be voted for the Wildwood School be on a bond issue. His suggestion makes sense. He pointed out that the school will be

used for the next 50 years and that it should not be paid for, out of this year's appropriation. Lawler hasn't been able to supply any information as to whether or not we can do this, however, and there is one difficulty that must be considered. That difficulty is "Can we borrow the money?"

The town already has a very high debt load, and the Finance Committee are very loathe to increase it. At the present time, \$10 of our taxes goes to the paying of debts, and that is approximately \$1 out of every \$5. Whether or not we can add another \$70,000 plus in bonds at this time is a question that we are unable to answer.

If we can, it will cut the tax rate, this year, about \$6.

JEAN

Congratulations to Jean. The Wilmington Skating Club, and the town of Wilmington can be proud of her achievements.

Jean is now recognized as the fastest girl on skates, in indoor racing, between the ages of 14 and 16, in North America. She has set a new record.

Wilmington thus has two North American Champions, for Mrs. Janet Tighe, of North Wilmington is the holder of three records, in the Senior Division, in North America.

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Men's League

Bud Platt	91.4
Bob Gunderson	90.7
Howie Comey	90.0
Walter Smith	89.0

HIGH AVERAGE

Bud Platt	91.4
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HIGH SINGLE

Ralph Crawford	117
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HIGH THREE

Walter Smith	305
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TEAM STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Sheridan	37	7
Chapman	25	19
Chase	18	26
Hathaway	9	35

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS OUT

The reports by the Wilmington

Finance Committee have been received, in the mail, by all Wilmington voters, either Monday or Tuesday.

STANDING - HOLY NAME

BOWLING LEAGUE - 21ST WK.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Bees	53	31	32073
Eagles	50	34	32165
Atoms	37	47	32003
Yanks	28	56	31551

HIGH SINGLE

A. MacMullin	153
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HIGH TRIPLE

A. MacMullin	341
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TEAM HIGH SINGLE

Eagles	585
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TEAM HIGH TRIPLE

Eagles	1642
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A. MacMullin	97.7
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FOUR FINED IN WOBURN COURT

Four men paid a fine of \$5 each, after pleading guilty to speeding, in Woburn court, on March 9th, before Judge William A. Henchey. Those fined were Thomas E. O'Hare, 20 Hathaway road, North Wilmington, Joseph Patten, 100 Woodland road Malden, Costa A. Mitchell, 29 Lowell street, Wilmington, and Maurice G. Paradise, North Hollis road, Nashua N. H. Officers George A. Shepard and John Imbimbo appeared in court against the men.

INJURIES TO CHILD AT HATHAWAY ACRES

Thomas O'Hare, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Hare, 20 Hathaway road, suffered bruises to the back of his head, at 5:30 p.m. March 3rd, when he was struck by a truck, at the corner of Hathaway road and Carson avenue. He was treated by Dr. McLaughlin, of Woburn.

The truck was owned by the Shell Oil company, of Waltham, and was driven by James J. McNeil, 9 Lynda road, Wakefield.

FOUR FINED FOR SPEEDING

Four speeders, each of whom pleaded guilty, were fined \$5 apiece in Woburn court, by Judge William A. Henchey, on March 4th. All had been arrested by Officer George A. Shepard, of the Wilmington police. Those fined were Eli Moffie, 11 Dana street Revere, Alfred J. Zagami, 32 Fawndale road Roslindale, Alfred J. Braccini, 19

TO THE VOTERS OF WILMINGTON

For the honor and privilege you have given me to serve you and our community I am grateful.

Charles H. Black
84 Church Street
Wilmington, Mass.

Garfield street Lexington, and Harold Craig, 132 Lowell street, Peabody.

HOWELL WILCOX BURIED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Howell Wilcox, 77, a long-time resident of Wilmington, was laid to rest, on February 25th, after services in the South Baptist church, in South Landsboro, New Hampshire. Mr. Wilcox was the retired superintendent of the printing firm in Cambridge which prints "Banker & Tradesman". He had been a resident of New Hampshire for the last 20 years. He is survived by his widow, of South Landsboro, a daughter, Deborah, Wilton N.H., and three sons, Brownell and Charles of South Landsboro and David of Exeter, N.H.

SURVEY STARTED ON IPSWICH RIVER

Work on a surveying project for a 24 mile stretch of the Ipswich River, in accordance with the Resolves of 1953, of the legislature, Chapter 56, has started, according to an announcement by Randolph W. Bissette, Director of the Division of Public Waterways, Department of Public Works.

Chapter 56 was enacted last year, by the Legislature at the behest of the Town of Wilmington, and authorized the spending of \$25,000 on a survey of the Ipswich River for the purposes of making a drainage survey, between Wilmington and the sea.

AMBULANCE TAKES CHILD TO HOSPITAL

The Wilmington Fire Department Ambulance, on March 2nd, was used to take ——— Gillis (boy) to the St. John's hospital, in Lowell.

BRUSH FIRE ON SALEM STREET

A small brush fire, at 12:04 p.m., March 4th, by the side of the road,

on Salem street, was quickly extinguished by the Wilmington Fire Department. A cigarette, thrown from a passing car, is blamed for starting the fire.

BRUSH FIRE ON WOBURN STREET

The Wilmington Fire Department was called at 12:00 p.m., March 5th, for a small fire, on Woburn street, near the General Foods plant. Engine 3 responded.

FEBRUARY BUILDING PERMITS

Augustus DeTato, Dwelling, \$7,500, Burlington avenue.

Frank P. Leavitt, addition to dwelling, \$250, 9 Hathaway road.

Fred Brancome, Henhouse, \$150, Fairfield road.

Anthony Antonowitch, Dwelling, \$12,500, Burt road.

Robert Wagstaff, Brood house, \$200, Lowell street.

Lawrence R. England, Dwelling, \$9500, 43 Main street.

Frank A. Nunes, Dwelling, \$9500, Marion street.

Walter P. Kisiel, Garage, \$500, Corey avenue.

Fortuna Rogers, Garage, \$500, Suncrest avenue.

Ernest H. Downing, Demolition old firehouse, Church street.

W. J. Geary, Garage \$500, 15 Fairview avenue.

WILMINGTON REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

William Cavanaugh and wife to Joseph W. Cavanaugh and wife, Middlesex avenue.

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John D. Cook to Frances A. Site-man, Oakdale road.

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Jose A. Cote and wife to Frank C. Reed, Powder House Circle.

Maude E. Doyle by adm., to Donald E. McLean and wife, Hobson avenue.

Caleb Harriman by ex. to John

Dukus and wife, Middlesex avenue. Joseph Matrazzo and wife to Douglas F. Williams and wife, Kelley road.

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'47 Oldsmobile Club Coupe	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 395.
'47 Studebaker 4 door	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 395.
'47 Buick 4 door	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 395.
'46 Chevrolet 4 door	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 395.
'46 Mercury	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 395.
'46 Plymouth	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 395.
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The Wilmington Women's Club will sponsor Guest Night on Thursday, March 18, at 8 o'clock in the Methodist Church on Church street. An interesting program is planned with Carl de Suze, well-known radio and TV personality, as guest speaker. Mr. de Suze will talk about his "Elizabethan Journey". This lecture details his Coronation year tour through the manor houses and countryside made famous by the first Elizabeth - Oxford, Kenilworth, the Shakespeare country, the Cotswolds; climaxed by scenes about London during the week Elizabeth the Second was crowned - Trooping of the Color, a garden party, the State Entry at Windsor Castle and finally, the vigil before Buckingham Palace on the great day.

Mr. de Suze was the Boston Globe's correspondent at the Coronation and more recently has been reporting his travels abroad in the "Atlantic Monthly," "Town and Country," and "This Week" magazines. He is the editor of a book of children's stories and is widely known in New England for his daily radio program from 6:30 to 9:15 every morning and the Marjorie Mills program each noon. He has stepped before the TV camera many times on shows of all types. Viewers especially remember his TV show for the Boston & Maine Railroad when he toured New England in a B&M diesel cab. He presided over Boston's first commercial TV show when WBZ-TV made its debut in 1948.

For his literary and charitable activities on behalf of the people of France, he was awarded by the French Government in 1951 the highly prized "Palme Academique." He is the first American in the radio field to be honored with this decoration.

A coffee hour will follow Mr. de Suze's "Elizabethan Journey."

A meeting of the Girl Scout leaders of Wilmington will be held on Monday, March 15, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Slater on Grove avenue, at 8 P.M.

The Mother's Club of the Walker School will have their

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Fashion Show Wednesday afternoon, March 17, at 3 o'clock at the Walker School. A baby sitter will be on hand to care for the little ones. The public is invited and an interesting program is planned.

The VFW Auxiliary will sponsor a spaghetti supper Tuesday night, March 23, at 6:30 P.M. at the VFW hall on Main street. The public is invited and tickets may be obtained from any one of the following committee members: Mrs. Vadaikes, OL 8-2881; Mrs. Simmons, OL 8-4532; Mrs. Gatta, OL 8-2259, or Mrs. Ouelette, OL 8-3286.

Don't forget the PTA meeting next Tuesday night, March 16, at 8 o'clock in the H.S. cafeteria. Dr. Jacon G. Mark will address the meeting on "Opportunities in Science and New Horizons in Chemistry." With atomic energy, electronics, synthetics, wonder drugs, and countless other scientific discoveries affecting our daily lives, Dr. Mark should prove a most interesting speaker. Because the scientists of tomorrow are the children of today, science teachers and their students are extended a special invitation to attend this forthcoming PTA meeting and hear Dr. Mark, who is an authority on this subject.

Because of the recent tragic fire at St. Thomas Church, many people have asked about the annual Green Whist, wondering if it will be held this year. We are happy to be able to tell you that the Green Whist, one of the town's most popular events each year, will be held in the H.S. cafeteria on Wednesday night, March 17, at 8 P.M. As in past years, beautiful prizes and delicious refreshments will be on hand.

Members of St. Thomas parish, their friends and well wishers, are going all out to make this year's Green Whist the biggest and best in its history. Mrs. James Kelley of Shawsheen avenue is chairman and Father John Regan is general chairman. Both are assisted by a large committee. Wilmington will be divided into sections with volunteers contacting friends and neighbors in each section to offer tickets. If, however, you are not at home when they call, you may obtain your tickets through Mrs. Kelley or Father Regan. We suggest that you get your tickets early as the annual Green Whist attracts people from Reading, Woburn, Billerica and other neighboring towns.

The Girl Scouts of America will observe its 43rd anniversary on March 12. A giant rally will be held that night at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, starting at 7:30 in the evening. Some 40 Wilmington girls, members of the Wilmington Girl Scouts organization will take an active part in the program. Girl Scouts, their parents and friends, are invited to attend the rally. Brownies are extended a special invitation but must be accompanied by an adult.

On March 12, 1912, the first Girl Guide Company was formed by Juliette Low. In 1913, they changed their name to the Girl Scouts and by 1952 over 2 million girls were enrolled in the Girl Scout movement in this country, taking in girls from 7 to 18 years of age. Wilmington has 17 Girl Scout troops and 175 members with 32 women giving generously of their time and energy to the furtherance of this organization. Anyone wishing additional details about the Girl Scout and Brownie troops in Wilmington should call Mrs. Connie Widger, President of the Girl Scout Leaders Club, OL 8-3656, or Mrs. Claude Helwig, OL 8-2667.

AN APPEAL TO THE MOTHERS OF THE WHITEFIELD SCHOOL

Dear Mothers:

I would like to ask your help in making a most important decision. Should we disband the Whitefield Mothers' Club or should we continue it? Is there sufficient interest to continue it? If we use attendance as our yardstick, then the Mothers' Club should be disbanded. At last month's meeting a total of nine mothers attended. This was embarrassing to all concerned as we had invited Gren Bickford, a most interesting speaker to address us.

Mr. Bickford, even though he must have been dismayed at the size of the audience, gave no indication of his disappointment and went ahead with his lecture, which was thoroughly enjoyable and instructive. He is a true gentleman.

If, however, you feel as many of the mothers do, that we, through the Mothers' Club, can render an important service to our community and our children, then we will want to see the Mothers' Club continued.

I, personally, feel that we have a responsibility to our children to take an active part in their school careers. It has been pointed out by our educational and civic authorities that no communities

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KEY

We don't know the name of the officer involved, but a few chuckles have been heard about one of our police officers. It seems that the keys for the cruiser were missing, under mysterious circumstances. Taken from the cruiser, apparently, while it was parked in Wilmington square. The police officer had to "jump" the wires of the cruiser, to get it going again.



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

The problem of high school students, who attend dances at the school, and then slip away early

was discussed, at the School Committee meeting last Wednesday night.

Clifford Good, superintendent of schools told the committee that the children who do this "is less than 2%", but that he didn't like it. Some of the students attend dances, and then leave about 9 pm, before the other students. In one instance at least, he had a telephone call from the mother of one of the pupils. This lady wanted to know why the dances were allowed to run after midnight. Her daughter had come in to late, she said. Good told the lady that all high school dances end at 11:30 at the very latest, he reported.

The committee regarded Good's report as a report of a serious situation. There was no wish on their part to impose serious restrictions on the average pupil, who conforms with what is expected of him, but the thought of what the "less than 2%" could do was, in their minds, very serious. Good named a restaurant in a neighboring town, as the place to which some of these students go.

No solution was adopted by the committee, although a number of suggestions were made. Good told the committee that he is going to bring the problem to the attention of the Student Council, which, he says, has always demonstrated a responsible concern over the actions of the students.

Lawn Mowing

The care of the school grounds, particularly the mowing of the lawns, was also discussed. Good told the committee that a bill of \$1100 had been incurred by the cemetery department, for mowing lawns. He felt that this bill should have been paid out of the school maintenance fund, and reported that he is going to request the town manager to set aside \$1100 out of

the school maintenance fund, this year, for this purpose.

"There was some mix-up last year" Good said. Going further, he said "The Finance Committee doesn't want the people of this town to get the idea that cemetery money is being used for the schools, and I don't blame them."

The committee approved.

Other business.
Ernest Crispo inquired of Good as to progress at the Wildwood School. Good reported "pretty good".

A letter was sent to the High School Building Committee, approving of the plans for the proposed addition to the high school. The letter pointed out that it is always impossible to accurately predict the future, especially in events that may take place 15 years from now, but that the committee was of the belief that the plans developed by the building committee were as good as could be had with the present knowledge of conditions.

A letter was sent to the Finance Committee, listing totals to be expended in various departments of the schools.

Bids were opened from four firms, for supplies for the year, for the schools, and the committee spent several hours comparing the prices offered.

DAMAGES STILL TO BE ASSESSED AT ST. THOMAS

Total losses, at St. Thomas of Villanova church are still to be tabulated, a week after the fire, because of the difficulties in estimating values of the various and sundry damages. Totals will not be

known until the end of the week, at the very earliest.

Meanwhile the people of St. Thomas parish are using the Grange Hall, in addition to the old St. Thomas church, for purposes of worship. The four regular Sunday Masses are being celebrated in the old church, and two Masses are being celebrated in the Grange Hall. The regular 8:30 Mass in the church has always been considered as a children's Mass, and at the same time (8:30,) a Mass for adults is held at the Grange.

Meanwhile the parishioners of St. Thomas are using the Grange Hall, in addition to the old church, for purposes of worship. Two Masses are celebrated at the Grange, every Sunday, in addition to the four regular Masses at the old church. One of these is at 8:30 a.m., and is for adults, while the children's Mass is being celebrated at the old church, and the other starts at 10:40, to take care of the overflow from the regular 10:30 Mass.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated, Friday at 3:15 and 7:45 p.m., in the old church, and confessions will be heard at the regular time 4:00 and 7:30 Saturday. Daily Masses are being celebrated at 8:00, and on Saturday at 8:00 and 9:00, in the old church. The 9:00 Mass, Saturday will be an anniversary for James White.

Next Sunday will be Communion Sunday for the Holy Name Society, and all the men of the Parish. There will be a Holy Name Meeting, after the 8:30 Mass.

ROTARY PLANS MAY 15TH AUCTION

A grand auction, such as the one held a few years ago, is planned for May 15th, at the Rainbow, on Main street, by members of the Wilmington Rotary Park, Inc. and their friends. Purpose of the auction, this time, is to raise more funds for the Wilmington Rotary Park, Inc. now under construction opposite the Walker School. A similar auction, in 1947, raised the funds with which the Dental Clinic, in Wilmington high school was started.

Rotarians Bill Stevens, Henry Porter and Earl Hamilton are the committee in charge of solicitation, and Bill and his friends, in message to the people of Wilmington have said, "Now's the time to do your spring housecleaning! And, while you at it, keep your eye open for something you can donate to the Rotary Park Auction! Call any Rotarian, or somebody on the committee, and we will come around and pick it up!"

Plans by the committee include a large list of donations, for the auction. The last auction lasted all day, and this one is planned the same way, with refreshments being available. The services of Bill Tobin, one of the best auctioneers in the business have been retained.

It's all for a wonderful cause," says Bill and his friends. "A fine playground, where there used to be nothing but mosquitoes. A cause that will allow the children of Wilmington to play elsewhere but on the streets. We know its good, you know its good, -- so lets all help, and have a lot of fun at the same time!"

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, for two hours before her appearance on the program, worked quietly at the mail on her desk her normal evening chore unperturbed by the cameramen buzzing around her . . . Maj. Gen. William Dean's uniform was not technically correct for the show. One jacket pocket was unflapped to hold a tiny wireless microphone . . . Joe Louis still retains a good habit from his training days. In all the confusion, he just lay down for a quick catnap before the show.

Eve Gabor's favorite color is pink, even in flowers and in the pencils she used to doodle with while waiting . . . Richard Rodgers confessed that his favorite song of all his many hits, is "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered." Mrs. Rodgers, however, prefers "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Tallulah Bankhead waved goodbye to everyone until they were out of sight. It's a Bankhead tradition . . . And British Ambassador Sir Roger Makins broke out beer for the crew after his appearance. You'll feel like breaking out the champagne, no less, when you see the bright, clear pictures you can get on your present set when serviced properly. For qualified, dependable service to assure your set of top performance, call the MACLELLAN APPLIANCE & TV CENTER, Main Street, Tewksbury, phone Lowell 7106.

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WEATHER

There was 3.06 inches of rain in February, the last day having just a trace. March 1st we had .11 inches, and on the 3rd .73 inches. Blackbirds are back, in large flocks, and we saw a number of bluebirds Saturday, near the Methodist church. (We also had some bluebirds near the voting booths, in the high school, but that is another story).

AFTERMATH OF THE FIRE

We think that the remark of

Case No. 24014 Reg.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts LAND COURT

To: the Town of Wilmington, a municipal corporation, located in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth; Mary D. Paley, Leonard C. Maxwell, Mary L. Maxwell, all of said Wilmington; Beverly Barrett, of Medford, in said County of Middlesex; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Margaret A. Shea, of said Wilmington, to register and confirm her title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Wilmington, bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Grove Avenue 64.19 ft.; Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Mary D. Paley and other land of the petitioner 160.85 feet; Southwesterly by other land of the petitioner 57.61 feet; Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Leonard C. and Mary L. Maxwell 168.68 feet.

The petitioner denies that any person has any rights in any part of Elwell Street which may form a part of the above-described land.

The above-described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Court House), or in the office of the Assistant Recorder of said Court at the Registry of Deeds at Lowell in the County of Middlesex where a copy of the plan filed with said petition is deposited, on or before the fifth day of April next.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, John E. Fenton, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this third day of March in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

Attest with Seal of said Court.

(Seal)

Sybil H. Holmes
Recorder.

(Atty. Paul D. Emmons
307 Salem Street
North Wilmington,
Mass.)

M-10-17-24

Father John Regan, made a couple of days after the fire at St. Thomas is one of those that should be recorded for the History of Wilmington (if it ever gets written). A masterpiece of understatement, Father Regan observed "Ash Wednesday came early this year!"

ELECTIONS IN OTHER DAYS

For many months we have been wanting to do a story about how the elections used to be run, back in the older days of Wilmington. We observed a Specimen Ballot, in Buck Brothers Store, the other day, and it reminded us of it again. The ballot is well worth a moment of your time.

Back before the days of World War I, and lasting until 1928, there were two political parties, in Wilmington, as far as local elections went. The Republican Party, and the Citizen's Party each put up a slate of candidates, for town office, every year. The circumstances behind these events were peculiar, and are remembered with fond recollections by the older residents of the town.

Actually, in those days (probably as an aftermath of the Civil War) there was only the Republican Party, in this old town of ours. No Democrat ever attempted to organize his party, although there may have been a few around.

That was all very well, as far as State and National politics were concerned, but it didn't provide for any competition on the home front. Not having any competition, the town fathers went out and organized some - hence, every year there were two parties, at the time of town election.

There is a lot to be said for the way things were run - indeed, your columnist's only regret about it all is that the Republicans had to use their name, in the local politics. If they had chosen instead, to call themselves the People's party, it could possibly be that the old time system of caucus would still be going on.

Every spring, before election time, there would be a "Republican" caucus, in the town hall, at which time the "Republican" party would nominate their slate for the various town officials. In their slate they would name candidates for Selectmen, (and Overseers of the Poor), Assessor, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Constable, Fence Viewers (an important office, from the sense of honor, but with very little work attached), School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, and Sinking Fund Commissioner.

A full slate like this made for a lot of fun and competition, and every man in town was very keenly interested in the outcome.

The joker lay in the "Citizen's" caucus, which generally occurred a day or two later. This was where the competition came in.

Any man could vote in one or the other caucus, but no one could vote in both. Candidates, accordingly, very carefully plotted their strategies. If a man were aspiring to be elected Selectman, or Fence Viewer, or to any other office, he would bring all his supporters with him to the Republican Caucus. At that caucus his helpers would stand in back, and wait for a signal from their candidate. If the candidate believed that he could get enough votes to be nominated by the Republican "party" he would give the signal, and his cohorts would vote

accordingly. If on the other hand, the candidate would think that the chances were that he would be outvoted by the supporters of some other man, he would have his own supporters remain quiet, in the background, and next day he would go over to the Citizens Caucus, and get nominated there. It called for nice judgement, on the part of the candidates. Frequently a man would be nominated by both parties. The columnist's father was once nominated for the school committee this way, both as a Republican, and as a Citizen. (He was elected, too)

On the Specimen Ballot in Buck's store, Edward Nelson Eames, John W. Hathaway and Dudley B. Purbeck were nominated for Selectman by the Republican Caucus, and Arthur T. Bond, Edward Nelson Eames and John W. Hathaway were nominated by the Citizen's Caucus, which illustrates the point. Of these men, Bond, Eames and Hathaway were elected, with Purbeck an also-ran.

(Eames lived in the brown house, at the corner of Thurston and Church streets, Hathaway lived in the house at the corner of Salem and Woburn streets, Bond lived in the present home of Philip Buzzell, Town Counsel, and Purbeck lived where Mrs. Miriam Sullivan now lives, on Lake Street).

The wonderful thing about the caucus was that it was quite infectious, in spirit. A man would go down merely to observe, and suddenly find that he was being nominated for Fence Viewer. It was a sure fire manner of making the candidates come out for office.

As we said, we always regretted that one of the Caucuses (or would it be Cauci?) had the name "Republican", because when Al Smith ran for President, in 1928, the local Democrats felt that it was necessary to have a Democrat Caucus, too. That meant that we were having three, every spring, and things became too complicated, with the result that it soon died away, and nomination papers were used instead.

With the dying away of the "Caucus" system of politics, Wilmington lost a colorful and exciting portion of its history. Perhaps someday we will have it back.

If it ever should return, your columnist hopes that there will be no identification with national politics. Two names, something like "Peoples" and "Citizens" would allow us to keep it on a strictly local level, and we could battle away to our hearts content, without worrying about anything except our own little town.

A few of the other names on that ballot are: George W. Buck, who lived in the home where his daughter, Mrs. Miriam Ware now lives, on Church street, James E. Kelley, Wilmington's great Town Clerk, who built the house in which Dr. Hosmer now lives, Fred A. Eames, long time Treasurer of Wilmington, who lived on Middlesex avenue, at the corner of Mystic, Joseph

T. Patchett, Collector of Taxes, lived where Mrs. Wavie Drew now lives, on West street, William E. Swain, Constable, lived in the Gowing Farm, on Federal street, just before you get to Woburn street, Howard M. Horton, carpenter, lived on Parker street, D. Fred Waite, lived in the house now owned by Albert Malone, corner of Adams and Church, and Chester W. Clark (afterward Senator Clark,) who lived in the large house at the corner of Middlesex and Clark street.

Incidentally, a question on the ballot is: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town? The vote was Yes, No 132.

SHERIFF'S SALE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. January 15, 1954 Taken on execution and will be sold at Public Auction on Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of March A.D. 1954 at ten o'clock A.M. at my office, Room 422, 53 Central Street, Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, all the right, title and interest that Donald S. Lamphrey, also known as Donald Lamphrey, Holt's Grove, North Reading, had not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution on the seventeenth day of September A.D. 1953 at 9:00 o'clock A.M. that being the time when the same was taken on execution in and to the following described real estate to wit:

A certain lot of land with buildings thereon situate in North Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY on land heretofore conveyed by Otis A. Ruggles to John Murphy, now owned by Oscar Hammer, 146 feet; EASTERLY by land of the Holt Heirs, 50 feet; SOUTHERLY by land of one Smith, 146 feet; WESTERLY by Martin's Pond, 50 feet, be any or all of said measurements more or less. Also another parcel of land with the buildings thereon located in said North Reading and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the premises at the shore of said Martin's Pond and at land of Louis W. Drescher now deceased; thence the boundary line runs Southeasterly by said land of Drescher to land formerly of A. H. Holt, now of Joseph D. Gowing, thence Southwesterly by said land of Gowing 50 feet to land formerly owned by Helen E. Smith et als; thence Northwesterly parallel to and 50 feet distance from the Northerly boundary line of the granted premises by land formerly owned by Helen E. Smith et als to the shore of said Martin's Pond; thence by said Martin's Pond Northeasterly to the point of beginning. Being lot 4 as shown on a "Plan of Land in North Reading, surveyed for Helen E. Smith and Helen R. Beebe" March 1913 C. R. Herrick C. E. Being the same premises conveyed to me by Mark H. Knowles and Sarah E. Knowles on December 30, 1939 and recorded in the Middlesex South District Deeds in Book 6357, Page 295; by a plan in rec. book 6357 Page 296. Being a certain parcel of land with the building thereon situated in said North Reading being Lot F. on Revised Plan of Lots at Martin's Pond, North Reading surveyed for Louis M. Gowing, by H. Kingman Abbott, C. E. recorded in Middlesex South District Deeds as No. 195 of 1944. Bounded Westerly by Martin's Pond, Southerly by land of North Reading Ice Co. 42/100 feet; Easterly by Travelled Way and by Batchelder Ave., 177.60 feet, Northerly by land of grantor, 90.80 feet, Containing 11,350 square feet more or less. Southwesterly to any existing rights of those persons entitled thereto, if any, to use a part of said Lot F marked Beach on said plan. Also a parcel of land being Lot G. on said plan bounded Northerly and Westerly by Batchelder Ave. and Travelled Way, 144 feet, Southerly by land of North Reading Ice Co. 100 feet, Easterly by land of Asa Gould, 35 feet, to land of M. F. Charles Est. 94 feet. Containing 7,650 square feet more or less. Together with a right of way over said Travelled Way for all purposes for which highways are used. Being a part of the premises conveyed to me by deed dated October 24, 1934 recorded Middlesex South District Deeds Book 5872, Page 357.

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LETTER FROM PHYLLIS

Dear Friends:

I want to take this opportunity of thanking you for your warm-hearted cooperation and help in gathering the items for "Here and There with Phyllis." We started on a modest scale because we wanted to see if interest warranted such a column of club news and other activities concerning the women of Wilmington. Your response has been so encouraging that we are about to launch two new features which we sincerely hope will meet with your approval.

The first is to be called "Crusader Close-up" and will appear in next week's issue. These will be short articles about Wilmington women who, because of their active participation in community affairs, are deserving of special mention. We feel that there are many candidates for "Close-up" and it will be our aim to acquaint you with as many of these outstanding women as possible. Your suggestions regarding women who qualify for such a write up will be welcome.

Because variety is spice of life, "Close-up" will not be a weekly feature, but will appear from time to time.

The second new feature is to be called "A Woman's Viewpoint" and will concern itself with a variety

of subjects which we feel are of sufficient interest to justify their mention. In this series we will cover such topics as the public library, issues in town government of special interest to the women, details about various clubs and organizations, educational needs, and so on. Again, we solicit your suggestions. If you would like to have a particular subject appear in "Viewpoint", please let us know.

In conclusion may I add that your continued cooperation will always be appreciated. Your sug-

gestions will be welcomed and your criticisms will be given careful consideration, in order that we may achieve our goal aim: a series of articles of the women, by the women and for the women of Wilmington.

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BARROWS BLAMES CUSHING

(Continued from last week)

Barrows was caustic in his remarks about the street work in Wilmington. He pointed out that last year, in an attempt to save money, \$21,500 had been transferred from the Excess and Deficiency account, with the understanding that it would revert to the town when the Chapter 90 work was finished, on highways. "We never got started until it was too late. Go up and look at Salem street. Nothing done — no money coming back this year — we can't count on that money now until 1955 — no excuse — leaves a bad taste in the mouth of the State Highway Commission — they didn't like it in 1952 either — hope we can do better this year."

Total figures approved by the Finance Committee, for the 1954 town meeting come to \$1,040,805.79 Barrows stated. He estimated that there would be \$410,000 coming from receipts and the Excess and Deficiency Fund, leaving \$630,805.79 to be raised by taxes, if the town voted as the Finance Committee recommended.

Barrows refused to make any

estimate of the tax rate, saying that this was up to actions of the Board of Assessors, and the Town Meeting. He did say that it was quite possible that the town might have a valuation of \$12,000,000 which figures would place the tax rate at about \$52-\$53.

Barrows gave a complete breakdown of all figures available, showing often in detail the amount to be spent, as the Finance Committee had approved of the various articles in the budget and warrant.

Briefly, Barrows figures as the Finance Committee had approved them are: TM salary "less than last year" Accountant \$4200; Treasurer, Town Clerk, etc., in Town Hall \$3120 (up about 25% from last year), for a total in the Town Hall of \$34,480, as against \$30,240 last year.

Town Hall expenses \$13,000 compared to \$9,000 last year. Barrows was very critical of the way this account had been handled. He stated that money which had been allocated for low value sales, by the Treasurer had been spent without the knowledge of that official, and that was the reason for the long delay for the low value sale until

Dec. 28th. "Money was merely spent as the Town Manager wanted to".

This year, he stated, the budget will be voted individually, to prevent a recurrence of what had happened last year.

Other sums approved by the Finance Committee were: Finance Committee \$250; Planning Board \$300; Board of Appeals \$25; Town Counsel \$925; Elections \$1500; Registration \$1500; Selectmen's Expenses \$3000.

The budget for the police department, as submitted by the Town Manager was approved, Barrows said. This was in the sum of \$37,000. Also approved were \$4100 for expenses, \$800 for ambulance, \$100 for dog officer, and \$50 for constable.

Fire Department, salaries \$41,700, expenses \$4100, outlay (new hose etc) \$2,300. Tree department salaries \$1500, town forest \$150, civilian defense \$624 (being the unexpended balance from last year); sealer of weights and measures \$250, expenses \$75.

Police and Fire station \$1000 (no information from Town Manager) Town Sanitarian \$4000, Nurse \$3120, Board of Health \$1500; and \$1500 for statutory expenses. Animal inspector salary \$250, expenses \$50.

Highway department salaries \$15,000. Barrows pointed out that this did not cover all their salaries, and added up about \$32,000 which was divided among eight or nine men. Highway department general expenses \$15,000, Road Machinery Account \$8000, Chapter 90 construction \$4250; maintenance \$1300, Chapter 81 \$11,000, snow removal \$9000. Barrows was interrupted by a listener who thought that the money spent last year was "extraordinary — such a mild winter!" Barrows shrugged his shoulders.

A question was asked as to the amount of money requested by the police department for salaries and wages. This, said Barrows, was \$48,960.

Barrows continued: Surveying streets \$2000, street lights \$10,000, total welfare etc, \$38,100. School

department \$320,511, plant operation \$60,000, outlay \$5000, vocational training \$2000, with a total increase on schools of \$49,880 over last year. Library \$5410.

He was again caustic, as he talked about parks and cemeteries, saying that the accounts had been all mixed up, and no one knew what the score was. This year the sums were to be budgeted, he said — last year bills had been returned "no funds".

Unclassified \$2000, Reserve Fund \$8000, Land Reclamation \$3000. The Town Manager asked for \$10,000 Barrows stated, but gave no information Barrows went on to say that the money voted for this last year was used in part by the Highway Department, when the department ran out of money.

A long time was spent over the Water Department, and the gist of the talk was that Water Department receipts will now be used by the Water Dept. instead of going into the Treasury. Barrows read an opinion from the Town Counsel, which approved of this method. Receipts, apparently, from Barrows talk, would be about \$60,000, which would have been appropriated otherwise.

Cemetery salaries and wages \$11,669, and expenses \$2659 "This was gobbled up last year. This year we will have definite commitments".

Maturing debt and interest. Last year the total was \$68,835. This year it will be \$116,438 or about \$10 on the tax rate.

"Unpaid bills — something we can't figure out. One day one figure and another day another figure — damned if I know".

Speaking of the various articles, Barrows stated that the committee had approved of Article 5, and disapproved of Article 6 (the 6% cost of living article).

Article 7, \$500 for Memorial Day, approved. Article 8, Sewerage engineering and expenses - disapproved. Article 9, report on Junior Senior High school - report will be favorable.

Article 10 - Construction of Junior Senior High School - report

will be favorable. Article 11, report of additional school accommodations committee - no meeting, no recommendations. Article 12, complete construction of Wildwood school - the Finance Committee had recommended \$75,000 from the E&D, and \$77,000 had been asked for "We will only recommend \$90,000 from the E&D, for a total — Don't want to get caught the way we were last year!"

Article 13 — census \$1000 recommended. Article 14, 15 and 16, Veterans Clubhouses total of \$2250 recommended. Article 17, sub-fire station committee - disapproved. Article 18 - precincts - disapproved. Article 19 - employees group life insurance - disapproved. "They are now getting \$8000 a year for retirement fund from the town, they pay into this too."

Article 20 - street lights, approved. Article 21, 22 and 23 Board of Health articles for garbage collection, etc - disapproved. Article 24, substandard housing act - disapproved because not enough in formation. Article 25, 4H clubwork \$100, approved. Article 26, new well field "I left the room and the secretary took charge. They approved of \$62,000 for purchase and construction, etc. We will probably borrow, on 15 years, say \$4000 a year."

Article 27, water meters - disapproved because of the money situation. Article 28 - Hydrant Rental \$10,000 approved. Article 29, to extend watershed by 50 acres, with land now owned by town - approved. Article 30, Water Main extension. "They asked for \$30,000. Oakdale road, that's new - Concord street is a bad fire risk - we cut it in half - \$15,000."

Article 31. "Our ambulance has been repaired, at no cost to the town, and it is just as good as it ever was." The request for \$8500 disapproved. Article 32, second police vehicle-disapproved. Article 33 Public Welfare vehicle, approved \$1500. Article 34, additional land for cemetery. They say it will cost \$750, and the town will receive \$10,000 or \$15,000 from the sale of lots - approved.

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PROBATE COURT.

To all persons interested in the estate of Edwin J. Twomey late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by John F. Twomey of Wilmington in said County, praying that he be appointed executor thereof, without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-second day of March 1954, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John C. Leggat, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

John J. Butler, Register.
M-3-10-17

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

The undersigned officers of the North Shore Dog Training Club, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Massachusetts, located in town of Wilmington, county of Middlesex, hereby give notice that the corporation by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members legally entitled to vote at a meeting called for the purpose and by articles of amendment executed according to law by the proper officers of the corporation, approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth December 23, 1953, pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of chapter 155 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), as amended, voted to change its name to Old Colony Obedience Club.

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FATHER SHEA'S MESSAGE TO ST. THOMAS PARISH

The Parish of St. Thomas of Villanova was called upon last Sunday to accept a heavy cross as the Holy Season of Lent was about to open. The fire that practically destroyed the interior of our parish church was a severe blow to the efforts and the ambitions of our parishioners.

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude and pride that I report that the parishioners of St. Thomas accepted the heavy cross in a spirit of faith, hope, and love. From the lips of all I have heard words of sympathy, with the added thought — "God was good to us, and he will provide for the future."

It is beyond my ability to express the gratitude and appreciation which I have at this time. Above all, I am grateful to God that our loss was material, and not a loss of life. The members of the Rectory Household who discovered the fire and courageously and efficiently handled the situation were preserved from bodily injury. The members of the Wilmington Fire Department survived what all of us know was a dangerous assignment.

To Chief Arthur Boudreau and the members of the Fire Department I offer the gratitude of the parish. They went far beyond the line of duty, with complete forgetfulness of self. They risked their lives not only to save the House of God but also to reverently carry to safety Our Lord Himself in His Tabernacle.

To Chief Hugh Eames and the members of the Reading Fire Department who came to assist our own men so willingly, I am deeply grateful. The members of our Police Department, our Highway Department, the Officials of the Town, — all gave their best in our time of need.

As I looked at the host of men and women who came to our assistance I saw the true spirit of Wilmington. Working together with our parishioners. I saw our fellow townsmen of the Protestant and Jewish Faiths. That spirit was easy to understand, as one of the first visitors to offer assistance was Reverend Stanley Cummings

of the Wilmington Congregational Church, who offered his church for our Sunday Masses. His visit was followed closely by one from Reverend Richard Harding of the Wilmington Methodist Church, who offered the assistance of his Congregation. Representatives of the Hebrew Associations came to give their aid. Throughout the Town of Wilmington was a spirit of unity and charity. One part of the Wilmington Family has been injured and every other part felt and shared the pain.

Our friends and neighbors in the priesthood were quick to call and ask what we needed, and placed at our disposal whatever they had. To Mgr. Francis L. Keenan of St. Michael's, Lowell, we say a special "Thank you". He made a special visit and surveyed all our needs. The altar, the crucifix, candles, vestments and other religious equipment were given for our use by Mgr. Keenan.

I will not attempt to say "thanks" to the devoted men and women whom I have the happiness to call "MY PARISHIONERS". I have grown accustomed to their unflinching loyalty and self-sacrificing cooperation. They surely must know my unceasing gratitude.

To my devoted spiritual colleague Father Regan, to my parishioners, to my friends and neighbors, the Clergy and members of the Other Faiths in Wilmington, to the heroic firefighters of Wilmington and Reading, to the Officials and members of the Wilmington Departments and Organizations, and to my fellow priests, I gratefully say that I will stand at the Altar of St. Thomas of Villanova Church and ask God to bless you.

Gratefully in Christ,
(Rev.) Albert J. Shea

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Larz,

This will just be a short line to inform you of my present address where my wife, Betty, will shortly join me.

It is now:
Col. William P. Chisholm
ER11251465
301 Green St., Augusta, Ga.
c/o T. F. Wren

Again, I'd like to thank the Crusader staff and the local Legion Post for so faithfully sending the Crusader to me.

Enclosed is a brief composition which you might find useful for the paper.

Sincerely,

Bill Chisholm

THE FORGOTTEN SOLDIER

Just below the S.C. border
Camp Gordon is the spot
Where I am doomed to spend
my time
In a land that God forgot
Down with the snakes and
lizzards

Down where a man gets tan
Right in the middle of nowhere
Just "Defenders of our Land"
The freezing, freezing, freezing
is more than I can stand

We're not a bunch of convicts
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Just earning our measly pay
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millions

Where we earn \$2.40 a day
Few people know we're living
Few people give a damn
Although we're not forgotten at
home

We belong to Uncle Sam

The time we spend in the Army
The good times we have missed
Boy, I hope you don't get drafted
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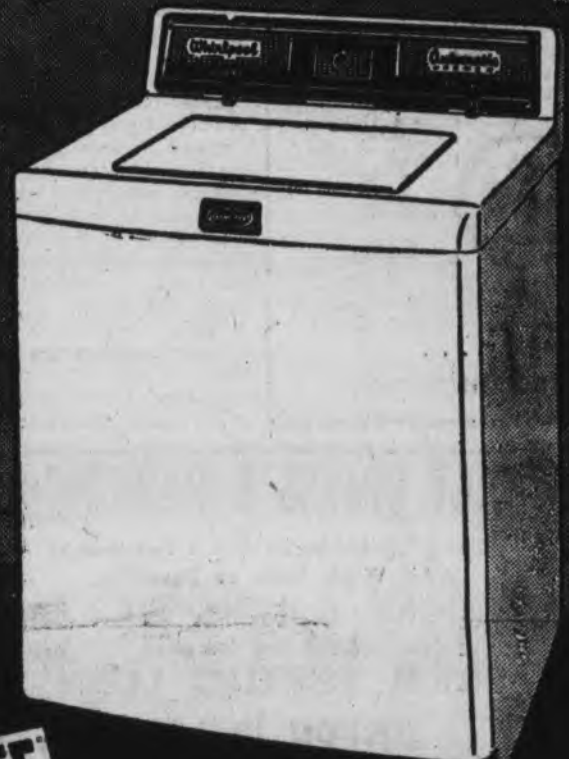
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MODERN PAY AND INCENTIVE PLAN RECOMMENDED FOR POSTAL ESTABLISHMENT

"Postmaster Henry J. Porter of Wilmington today endorsed the postal pay increase and incentive plan recommended to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee on February 16 by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. "This plan," Mr. Porter said, "provides equal pay for equal work. It opens the door of opportunity to postal employees who merit promotions based on improved performance. It should help attract good people to the Postal Service. The public should benefit by better mail service. In my judgement, it is money well spent."

"While fourth-class postmasters and rural carriers are not now included in this plan, their jobs, I understand, are to be studied later. "The principal features of the

proposed plan, according to Mr. Porter, are:

"1. Clerks and carriers would be paid \$210 more a year as a starting salary; and their maximum rates increased by \$100 or about 5 cents an hour.

"2. The time needed by most employees to advance from the minimum to the maximum salary rate for their job would be reduced in most cases by two years.

"3. More adequate pay differentials are provided for employees with higher skills, supervisors and managerial personnel who, at present, have slight incentive to rise above routine work levels.

"4. The salary of no individual employee will be decreased as a result of the application of this new plan.

"5. Supervisors, who, at present have single rates for their jobs, would be given the opportunity to progress within a rate range.

"When the pay and incentive plan was presented to the congressional committee a series of charts were used. These showed:

"The earnings of regular clerks and letter carriers, now averaging \$1.96 per hour for a 40-hour week wage of \$78.26 have increased more since 1939 than the cost-of-living index.

"Regular postal clerks and letter carriers whose earnings average \$78.26 weekly earn substantially more than do the teachers and principals of all elementary and secondary schools in the country, on the average.

"Non-supervisory postal employees now average \$72.69 for a 40-hour week at \$1.82 per hour. On a comparable basis they are better paid than the average of production workers in manufacturing industries up to and including lead foreman, and including overtime pay. Postal employees receive full pay for 13, 20 or 26 working days' annual leave, dependent on length of service, plus 13 working days' sick leave per year.

"Regular postal clerks and letter carriers—currently averaging \$1.96 an hour for a 40-hour week, are paid slightly more than the combined average of city firemen or city policemen of three major cities—New York, Chicago and Philadelphia."

NAVY'S WAITING LIST DECREASES

The Navy Recruiting Station, Lowell, Mass., has announced that

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Lowell, December 18, 1953
Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction on Saturday, April 10, 1954, at ten o'clock A.M. at my office, Room 422, 53 Central Street, Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, all the right, title and interest that Anthony Foster, Hempden Avenue, Burlington, in said County of Middlesex, had not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution on the eighteenth day of December A.D. 1953 at 9:00 o'clock A.M. that being the time when the same was taken on execution in and to the following described real estate to wit: The land with the building thereon situated in Burlington, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and being lots numbered 469 to 472 inclusive, shown on Plan of Winnemere Addition, in Burlington, Mass. dated 1917 H. A. Millhouse, C.E. and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 266, Plan 2 bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly on Hampden Avenue, 100 feet; Southwesterly on lot 468 shown on said plan 100 feet; Northwesterly on lots 449 to 452 inclusive 100 feet; Northeasterly on lot 473 100 feet.

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The number of men leaving from this area has increased in the past few months and the quota is expected to increase even more in the next several months. If any information is desired in regard to this article please feel free to call at the U.S. Navy Recruiting Station, New Post Office Bldg., Lowell, Mass. or dial Lowell 2-0511, they will be more than glad to answer any and all questions.

READING FIRE CHIEF PRAISES WILMINGTON DEPARTMENT

Hugh Eames, Chief of the Reading Fire Department took time, at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club of Wilmington, last Wednesday, to praise the Wilmington Fire Department for their effective work at the St. Thomas church fire.

Eames told the Rotarians that the Wilmington department was hampered because they did not have a ladder long enough to get up to the top of the church, in back, and that they did not have enough oxygen masks. Neither of these cases were the fault of the department, he said.

The work of the department, at the fire, was of a very high order, Eames said. It succeeded in keeping losses as low as could possibly be expected. "The department is very good, and has improved tremendously in the past few years" Eames said.

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where the parents actively participate in their PTA and similar school organizations, there is a minimum of juvenile delinquency. Children, as a result, enjoy a healthier, happier, more productive community life and these benefits are reflected throughout their future lives.

It is interesting to note that school buses, hot lunches, free dental and medical clinics, are all comparatively recent innovations. Each of these worthy auxiliary services, which we take for granted today, was made possible because parents joined with school authorities to find the means by which all children could be provided with these necessities.

The Whitefield Mothers' Club is only one small part of the Wilmington community scene, but it takes many such small organizations to make up a whole community. If we contribute one worthy idea, complete one successful project, or mould ourselves into one united group to improve and guide our children in their school careers, then we have fulfilled our responsibilities as parents and members of the community.

Naturally, this requires sacrifices. It means attending club meetings and giving generously of our time and energy in the pursuit of these interests. But the results can be so worthwhile. With larger audiences we can attract interesting speakers, whereas now it is practically impossible, as well as embarrassing, to ask a guest to address a dozen or less people. With larger attendance we can conduct business meetings and transact official business and adopt resolutions which will provide the Whitefield school with the kind of aid that we are able to give. Our by-laws require a quorum to be present before such a business meeting can be held.

Won't you please let me hear from you on this vital subject.

Should we or shouldn't we continue the Mothers' Club?

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Jean Webster
President, Whitefield
Mothers' Club

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Honors, for the third marking period in Wilmington high school have been announced by Bernard McMahon, Principal. Included in the list are:

HIGH HONORS

Herbert Varley

Patricia Welling

HONORS

SENIORS

Rose Marie Ballantine

Beverly Beeler

Betty Boyle

Sydney Buck

Lawrence Cushing

Shirley Faulkner

Joan Finnerty

Sally Lawrence

Elizabeth Murray

Philip Nelson

Linda Reid

Helen Reynolds

Bernard Robertson

Gerald Rooney

Beverly Rounds

Shirley Sutton

HONORABLE MENTION

David Baldwin

Nancy Cornish

Robert DiGirolamo

Ruth Jones

Patricia Krasinski

Irene Richards

Robert Smith

JUNIORS

Neil Byam

Lucille Cavallaro

Beverly Cole

Edwin Crowell

Gertrude Fenlon

Margaret Fidler

Thelma Fortier

Nancy Hendricks

Sheila Hoban

Mary Hughson

Martha Jayes

Lucille Keener

Janet Mackey

Edna MacLean

Eugenie Nelson

Franklin Newhouse

Francis Pellerin

Judith Peters

John Riley

Anthony Tessicini

Sheila Walsh

JUNIORS

HONORABLE MENTION

Theresa Fortunata

Dorothy Rogers

Roy Sarica

HIGH HONORS

Georgia Parks

HONORS

SOPHOMORES

Nancy Andersen

Beverly Bryant

Richard Cavallaro

Barbara Cole

Sandra Harris

Eileen Ingalls

Albert Kitchener

Maureen McKenna

Bernard Nally

Barbara Odiorne

Ellen Pilcher

Jane Randell

Frank Spear

HONORABLE MENTION

SOPHOMORES

Marie Arsenault

Cynthia Bent

Louise Barnes

Carol Casey

Carol Chapman

James Crehan

Ann Gatta

Malcolm Jones

James Lawrence

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Robert Reed

HIGH HONORS

FRESHMEN

John Appelget

Samuel Cavallaro

Mary Hartnett

Joan Hunnefeld

Freda Shephert

Patricia Walsh

HONORS

Robert Barboza

Geraldine Bergen

Virginia Bryn

Joanne Bushey

Joyce Corum

William Faulkner

Elizabeth Finn

Cynthia Ford

Jeanne Gagnon

June Goss

Phyllis Kimball

Eleanor Kirkell

Robert Leonard

Marie Micalizzi

Harold Murray

Patricia Murray

Herbert Nelson

Theodore Richards

William Rose

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Charles Ballou

Margery Beddees

Elaine Carmichael

Anne Cavanaugh

Barbara Gallison

Ruth Howell

Audrey Kimball

Gerald Maloney

Marguerite Orne

Robert Peck

Joanne Sciascia

FUND RAISERS

A few weeks ago we saw a man run out of town, selling Poppies, in Wilmington square. We didn't exactly like the idea, he was operating on a license issued by the state. The thing we didn't like was that our local veterans post have to get a license, each time, from our Board of Selectmen. Perhaps it isn't too much trouble, but he was a man who was able to move in without the bother of seeing our own board. Perhaps getting the state license was quite a bother, we don't know.

What brings this to mind is the current report to the Chief of police that someone is going around town, collecting funds for some cause or other. He may be honest, nothing has been said to the contrary, but no one seems to know just what he is collecting for. Some people think that it is for the Salvation Army, but local Salvation Army officials know nothing about it.

The point is that Wilmington residents should check their impulses, long enough to know to whom they are making their donations. If you have any idea that the cause isn't right, call the police.

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REPORT FROM REP. WILKINSON

Last Wednesday, March 3rd, Representatives Tanner and Wilkinson attended a Hearing before the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs favoring a Bill to extend the sewer another mile or so in Woburn, to the Woburn and Wilmington line, that would allow the Town of Wilmington to construct a much needed sewer in that town and connect with the Metropolitan Sewer. Wilmington has much the same condition that exists in parts of Reading where the ground will not take any more sewerage from cesspools, and thus a dangerous health condition is created. Wilmington is going to do something about it. The Hearing was the result of a study by a commission that

recommended it. There was no opposition, and the writer can see no reason why the Committee would not make a favorable report. Town officials present and appearing in favor of the Bill were Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Charles H. Black, who ably made the opening argument, Acting Town Manager, Frank Walters, Sanitarian Patrick A. Thibau, and Ralph Currier.

On the same day, Representatives Tanner and Wilkinson attended a Hearing before the Committee on Taxation favoring a Bill to correct a tax situation resulting from a recent court decision that would classify several articles as machinery. Among them are typewriters, pencil sharpeners and electric toasters. The Hearing room was packed and extending out into the corridor

with business men who would be greatly effected. The language in which the decision was written was suggestive that the Legislature rewrite the law in this respect.

Much of the time in the House last week was taken up in debating the M.T.A. Bill. Reading newspaper accounts of the arguments of the Minority Floor Leader, one would gather that Governor Herter is advocating an increase in fares. Quite the opposite is true. He is seeking to keep the inevitable increase as low as possible.

Last year the Governor appointed a new Board, each man an expert in his own line, those of Labor, Finance and of Railroadings. This Board has effected economics amounting to two and one half mil-

lions of dollars a year, which has caused considerable talk by the opposition party who do not seem to want the M.T.A. to be run on a business-like basis. The trustees are required by law to set fares to pay costs. The law also requires that fixed charges for bond interest and retirement and certain rentals be considered elements of cost which means that the M.T.A. must not only earn the operation costs but also the fixed charges. Under the Bill now before the House, the M.T.A. would be relieved of \$6,000,000 of fixed charges. They would then become charges on the communities served by the M.T.A. Inasmuch as these communities must by law assume any deficit of the road, it does not

change their picture to a great extent. To meet the large deficit, the trustees either had to put in a zone system or raise the fares so high it would be a burden on those who can least afford it and which would reduce the volume of traffic. Another alternative was that the "fringe" towns and cities, which in our case would include Reading and Woburn, would also assume part of the deficit. Representatives Tanner and Wilkinson are strongly opposed to any such action and will fight it right down the line. When the zone system was mentioned, it immediately called down such an avalanche of objections by the press, politicians and others that it would be impossible to put into effect. Further arguments on the Bill this coming week will decide its fate.

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GOLDEN SKATES ENTRIES AT GEORGES

Official Entry Blanks, for the 1954 Golden Skates Festival may be had at George's restaurant. The festival is sponsored by American Legion Post 114, at Milton, and is sanctioned by the Northeastern Skating Association. It will be held in the Boston arena, at 1:00 p.m. March 14th. It is understood that there will be a number of Wilmington entries.

WILLIAM LASCELLES HOME

William Lascelles, Nassau avenue, is now home, having finished his enlistment in the United States Navy. Lascelles was connected with the communications department of the Sixth Fleet, in the Mediter-

nean, for quite a while, before reporting to his last station, the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Virginia.

Congregational

Young people's Lenten service at the Methodist Church on Thursday at 8 a.m.

The North Branch will hold a dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Kelley on Thursday at 12 noon.

The Junior Choir will commence rehearsals next Sunday at noon, following the morning service.

The Center Branch will hold its luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. Louise York on Thursday at 1 p.m. The change of date is due to Mrs. Parks, lecture course. Please bring miscellaneous articles for the spring sale.

Mrs. Fred Parks will give her second lecture in the vestry on Wednesday at 2 p.m., following a coffee hour at 1:15.

The East Branch rummage sale will be held in Lowell on March 25th and 26th. All articles for this sale should be in the hands of the committee by March 24th. For information call Mrs. Marion Smith or Mrs. Evelyn Norton.

The Church School Cook-Books are now available and may be obtained from Mrs. Guy Nichols or Mr. Homer Richards, or from any of the teachers.

FUNERAL OF ROGER BUCK

Roger Buck, 58 years old, was laid to rest Monday afternoon, in Wildwood cemetery after an impressive funeral service conducted by the Rev. Stanley Cummings in the Congregational church. His body was escorted to the grave by a detachment of the United States Army, and by members of Wilmington Post 136, American Legion, of which he was a charter member. He died March 5th, after a lingering illness, and is survived by his widow Ethel (Irving) Buck, two sons, Irving, of Wilmington and Ensign William Buck, U.S. Navy, of Monterey, California, and two daughters, Marion and Janice of Wilmington.

Masonic services were held at the Nichols Funeral Home, Sunday evening, under the direction of Worshipful Master Harry Moore of Friendship Lodge, and the Rev. Ernest King of the Burlington Church of Christ. American Legion services were held the same evening, under the direction of Commander Arthur B. Harper, of the Wilmington Post.

Mr. Buck was born in Wilmington, the son of Albert C. and Florence (Stevens) Buck, and was a descendant, in 10th generation, of William Buck, who settled in Cambridge in 1635, and moved to Wilmington in 1672. The family has lived in or near Wilmington ever since then.

Mr. Buck was in business for 28 years, as a garage owner. His first garage was near the Wilmington-Tewksbury line, and he later bought a garage near Wilmington square which he operated for 18 years. He was considered to be one of the finest automobile mechanics in New England.

During the first World War Mr. Buck served in the Signal Corps, as an Air Service Mechanic, and was in charge of an assembly and tests of airplanes, in a French assembly plant. He served overseas for 13 months.

In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by two brothers and a sister, Robert E. of Oldtown, Maine, Clayton of Wilmington and Mrs. Edward Cullivan of Woburn.

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Seven boys, Ralph Kelmon, John Meads, James McGrath, Francis Mulholland, Paul Lynch Jr., and Ralph and Ronald Zwicker, became knights of the Altar, at St. Thomas church, in a brief ceremony held last Saturday evening. These boys will now be added to the regular corps of Altar Boys, at St. Thomas church. There are now 24 boys serving in this capacity.

THREE GRASS FIRES ON MARCH 6TH

The Wilmington Fire Department was called for three grass fires, on March 6th. The first, about 2 a.m., was in a field in back of the Congregational Church. About 1½ acres of land was burned over, in a fire which was believed to have been set by children. The second fire was in back of the Gallagher home, on Middlesex avenue, and was quickly extinguished at about 7:45 p.m. The third fire was on the old baseball field, at Thompson's Grove, about 7:50 p.m., and was believed to have been set by children. Engine 3 responded to the first two fires, and Engine 1 took care of the fire at Thompson's Grove.

TWO GRASS FIRES ON MARCH 7TH

There were two grass fires on March 7th, one on Boutwell street and one on Woburn street, both started from incinerator fires. No damage resulted in either fire.

FOUR GRASS FIRES ON MARCH 8TH

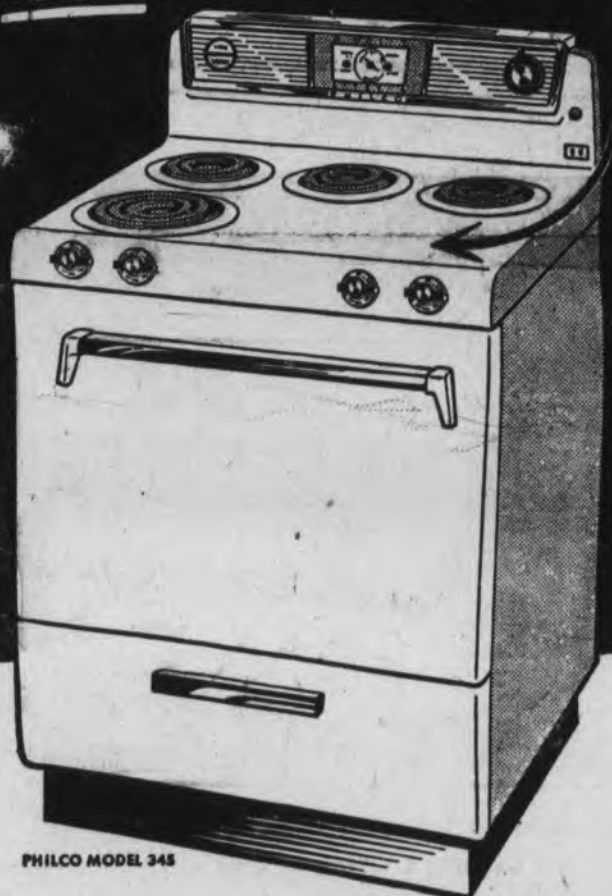
Four brush and grass fires on March 8th kept the Fire Department busy. The first was at 28 Lake street, at 10:35 a.m., the second at 1:10 p.m. on Pinewood road, off Shady Lane Drive, the third at 3:30 p.m. on Aldrich road, at the Billerica line, and the last at 4:35 p.m. adjacent to the railroad tracks, near Wilmington square. Three were caused by fires spreading from incinerators, and the fire near the Billerica line was believed to have been started by children.

FINED FOR SPEEDING

Gerald D. Fox, 27 Royal street, Lowell, was fined \$10 in Woburn Court on March 8th, by Judge William A. Henchey, after he had entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding. Charges were preferred by Officer Thomas Troy of the Wilmington police.

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CARD OF THANKS

To the Voters of Wilmington:
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I am writing to tell you of John Dec's recent address. He is now serving over in Korea, and has been since Dec. 22, 1953.

It is as follows. PFC John R. Dec. SN1322700 Co. C. 1st Marine B.N. 1st Marine Div. c/o PFC San Francisco, California.

He enjoys and looks forward to the Crusader,

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CARD OF THANKS

To the Voters of Wilmington:
I wish to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the splendid endorsement received, at the polls, in the recent election. It is my intention to continue my sincere efforts in behalf of the school children of Wilmington.

Yours sincerely,
John F. Hartnett

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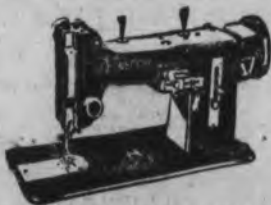
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FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARING ATTRACTS MANY

The public hearing of the Finance Committee, last Thursday evening, in the High School attracted about twice as many persons as were present the previous year.

Most of the articles discussed by Mr. Barrows, chairman, had no comment from the floor, but in those articles in which there was discussion there was practically no let up.

Police salaries came in for quite a discussion, started by John Imbimbo, and continued by Paul Lynch. The discussion arose at the time when Article 6 was being discussed.

Barrows pointed out that last year the Chief of Police received \$75 a week, and this year he is to get \$84.61 and other figures being Deputy Chief \$63.46 and \$73.07, Sergeant \$59.61 and \$69.23, while the Patrolmen's figures were \$57.69 and \$65.30.

Lynch stated that he and the former Town Manager had discussed several problems, and that promises were made which were not kept. "Far cry from what Dean Cushing told us" Time the Selectmen reversed themselves (referring to the 5% increase article) Sneaky way to get away from the 6% — means a lot to the men.

Lynch said that he "spoke to Dean, and verified and confirmed the statement" "Presented the figures on Dec. 14th" "I think the Selectmen meant our salaries plus the 6%."

Barrows "I think \$84 a week is a good salary" "I think if your ability is so good you should go elsewhere."

Lynch: "I have better aspirations than to be a farmer. You people don't realize what goes into a policeman's job."

Sewerage

Frank Hagerty, of the Board of Health spoke briefly on Article 8, saying that he understood that the Finance Committee had reported adversely, and that "this is not a very good way to attack the problem." After a few more moments of discussion the subject was dropped when Edward Sargent, Water Superintendent observed "if we have money to spend let's put it in water mains. The tannery closed up, and that was the main subject, as far as sewerage goes."

Additional School Accommodations. Talbot Emery reported for the committee that it would make no request for money, and that its report would be one of progress.

He spoke of the desires of the committee to get suitable land in the Silver Lake - Shawsheen avenue area, and also, perhaps, a portion of the estate of the late Caleb S. Harriman (on Salem street). Emery inferred that the committee might think of asking for means for purchasing land, if available.

Garbage and Rubbish Collection.

Articles 21-22 and 23 came in for quite a discussion, with Frank Hagerty of the Board of Health doing most of the talking. The chairman of the Finance Committee had reported that they decided adversely because of not enough information, and added, later that they

had been given figures for a one year contract, and they believed a three year contract to be more advantageous. Hagerty said that the Board of Health had considered this, and had asked for one year contract figures because of the advice of the Town Counsel and Dean Cushing, Town Manager. These men felt that it would be best to have a one year contract for the first year, because of the trial nature of the contract. Cost to the town would be \$26,000 gross, or \$22,000 net, for one year, Hagerty said, which he said would cost a homeowner less than he is now paying, if his home is valued at \$5000.

The Finance Committee reported that only the Chairman of the Board of Health had reported to them, and that is February. Hagerty was asked if he, as a member of the Board of Health had tried to make any report, and he replied that he understood that the report of the chairman was sufficient.

Hagerty was also asked if the Board of Health had any survey on garbage collection, to which he replied that this was very difficult. He continued "I can show you 50 dumps in back yards" "Garbage by the side of the roads" "Complaints today -- this is a move of progress"

William Curtin, secretary of the Finance Committee "I was the minority of one who voted for this article on the 6th of February -- now it is the 4th of March -- somebody should have been here from the Board of Health."

Hagerty: "I didn't know that you didn't have information until Barrows spoke at the Baldwin Club Tuesday."

Barrows: "We have to consider the overall effect on the tax rate. \$22000 is \$2 on the tax rate -- that is what we have to keep our eye on."

Hagerty asked if it were possible to give the Board of Health authority to make a contract and Barrows said: "If you make a contract the town will have to pay for it -- We have had too much of that already."

Minimum Standards of Housing.

Article 24 was also discussed by Hagerty, when the Finance Committee reported not enough information. They said that the Chairman of the Board of Health had stated "It would take half a day to explain this", and they went on "We haven't got the time to look it up ourselves."

Hagerty pointed out that there were homes in Wilmington where seven people of different sexes were sleeping and living in one room, and that this was to give the Board of Health power to do something about this. "The act has to be accepted in its entirety".

The members of the Finance Committee felt that this law could be interpreted against young couples who bought a four and a half room house, after they had had a number of children. Hagerty assured them that the Board of Health had no intention of proceeding against this type of home, to which the Finance Committee asked "What about future Boards of Health?"

Hagerty related a case in which the Board of Health had acted in

conjunction with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, in removing a large family from a building without proper windows, or heat, or other facilities "That's the way we like to act -- but we should have teeth -- we are thinking in terms of all the people."

Water Extensions

The Finance Committee reported that they had approved of \$15,000 for Article 30 - water extensions. A three way conversation was carried on by Barrows, Rene La Rivee of Concord street, and Thomas Galvin, chairman of the Water Extension Advisory Committee, in which it was brought out that the cost of finishing Concord street would be \$17,000. La Rivee termed the situation "critical".

Galvin told the Finance Committee that the Water Extension Committee had \$140,000 in "active" applications for extensions, and another \$40000 in "inactive" applications "If we don't spend \$30,000 this year we don't want to look at the warrant next year!"

Webber of the Finance Committee: "We don't want to look at it this year!"

Police Cruiser

Article 32 brought a discussion from Chief of Police Paul J. Lynch. He told the Finance Committee that Dean Cushing had promised a new car, and a replacement for the old police cruiser this year, and that the adverse recommendation of the Finance Committee would put the police department in a position where it would just have the old cruiser, which has already gone 56432 miles. By next year, Lynch told the committee, there would be about 115,000 miles on the police cruiser and "no Plymouth was ever made for 115,000 miles."

Lynch stated that the adverse report "has beaten us in two ways" "man goes to Gloucester, and now we have an old broken down car" "What's the use of trying to save money, -- emergency vehicle -- we need this vehicle gentlemen -- I say we should get at least one cruiser it would cost the town about \$1000."

Mrs. Wavie Drew, Selectman: "Cushing asked for a new cruiser, but not for a turn-in."

Charles Black, Selectman: "At the last meeting the Board of Selectmen agreed to a second cruiser for the Police Department."

Barrows: "Thank you"

Welfare Vehicle

Gould Buckle spoke on Article 33. He first read a report from last week's Crusader, which dealt with this question, and comments by Black, of the Board of Selectman, terming the comments "politics", "needless" "cheap". Referring to a reported conversation about himself and the Town Accountant, Buckle said that he had an agreement with Cushing by which Cushing was only official with whom he would have to have any discussion. "Black wants questions answered to him. There are five men on the board and that's all they would be doing."

Barrows: "To ease your mind, the Finance Committee has approved this article."

THE NEXT LT. GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS



Philip Nelson, president of the Senior Class, in Wilmington High School, shown at his studies in the school. Philip, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson, 25 Parker street, is to be Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, Friday, during the annual Student Government Day, and will preside over the Governor's Council. An honor student at the high school, Philip is also a member of the Students Council. He moved here, with his family, 7 years ago from Stoneham.

Philip took his examinations for Northeastern last Saturday, and hopes to study engineering there.

(Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)

Buckle: "Thank you."

Street Extensions

Barrows began to talk about that a number of releases had not been in, for street extensions, and that the Finance Committee had approved \$80, but he was shortly interrupted by Black, who reported that releases were in for a number of streets, and that the total would come to \$9500. He asked if the Finance Committee could go this high, and although there was no definite answer, the reaction of the members seemed to indicate that they would.

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Pawnee Bill was the business man of the show. He'd made money and knew how to hang onto it. Buffalo Bill was a poor business man, but an excellent showman. People regarded him as the Chevalier Bayard of the plains, which in fact he was. A very courtly figure on horseback. When he rode into the middle of the ring and took off his hat with a sweeping bow which showed his long curls he always got a rousing cheer.

He could be tough, too, on occasion. In fact, he could be tough and polite almost in the same breath.

He'd be standing near the entrance, bawling out some tough hombre who'd displeased him, You lousey son of a so-and-so, blankety blank your mangy soul, what do you mean by --, then he'd see a lady approaching. Off would come his hat with the most gentlemanly flourish imaginable. "How do you do, madam? Come right in. We're always glad to welcome the ladies to our Congress of Rough Riders of the World. I hope you have a good seat. A beautiful day, isn't it?"

I was assistant side-show manager my first season with them. The next year I handled the life history of Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill. This was a small, ballyhoo biography, telling what noble heroes they were, and gotten up to sell. Which it did. I sold them out thro-

ough the West, not by dozens, but by hundreds and thousands. It was done in this way.

I had a special wagon, with carved bison on the side. I loaded it up with the books, two little papooses, and an Indian Squaw. It was like a medicine man's outfit.

We'd go down to the principal square. And I'd start the ballyhoo. The book had red covers, was entitled, "The Stirring Lives of Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill", and had a high-key picture of them on horseback in the middle of the front cover.

Holding it up, I'd begin my spiel: "Ladies and gentlemen, this book goes on sale tomorrow in the book stores for \$1. But as a special inducement I'm prepared to offer it to you today for that price and throw in a fifty cent ticket to Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, the greatest show of its kind on earth. Don't miss this opportunity, folks, you're getting a near reserve seat (with the pianissimo on the 'near') avoiding all crowds. When you go into the grounds just hold up the book, . . ." and so forth, and so forth.

They sold like hot cakes. And there was pretty good velvet in it. My commission was five cents apiece. I ordered as many as I wanted, and nobody tabbed me.

I'm bound to admit, though, that sometimes there was a little trouble at the gate. Some of the ushers got sore, and complained to Pawnee Bill.

"That s. o. b. is making people think they're buying reserve seats." But they never got very far with Pawnee Bill. He'd always back up.

"He's selling books, isn't he?" "Yes, but there are a lot of squawks about it."

"Well, square the squawks."

We were in New Orleans when an epidemic of black diptheria broke out. And how we did hustle out of there. During the second season we were headed for California and the Northwest, but ran into trouble in Denver.

(Continued next week)

Methodist Church Building Fund Raising Committee



Front Row, Left to Right—Mrs. Paul Todd, Rev. Richard E. Harding, Mrs. William Burns. Back Row, Left to Right—Bernard Bacon, Arthur Kelley, Minot Anderson, (general chairman), Ariel Wood and Malcolm Butler.



THIS IS NOT A LAKE

A picture taken at the corner of Hopkins street and Shawsheen avenue, after a recent rainstorm, shows trees on the further side of Shawsheen Avenue, mirrored in the water.

The Town of Wilmington has been engaged in a controversy with the owner of adjacent property for the past several years, about what should be done to Hopkins street at this point. The water at times is up to nine inches deep.

(Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)

LAWLER CHAIRMAN OF SELECTMEN

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tance committee. Walters had then visited Mr. Marshall, of that committee, at 88 Broad street Boston, and the procedure outlined by Marshall seemed, in Walter's opinion, favorable. Walter's pointed out that through this procedure the town would recover 50% of the \$77000 from the state, in later years, instead of paying the whole amount from our own tax revenue.

Selectman Hayward Bliss, the new member of the board reported that while serving on the Wildwood School Building Committee he had tried to do this. He stated that he had spent two hours with the chairman and the secretary of the Finance Committee, but was unable to get his point.

Walters was instructed to study the matter closely, and have a report ready for Wednesday evening.

Salaries and Wages

The committee spent quite a long time discussing salaries and wages of town employees. Black reported that it was his opinion that the article calling for a 6% cost of living bonus would not be accepted by the town meeting, and as the police department salaries had been computed on this basis, the committee felt that salaries should be revised.

Walters reported that the previous town manager had left out salary for a clerk for the police department, and that a lot of clerical work was involved today, because of the new "three way" tickets, among other reasons. Mrs. Drew thought that aspects of the Finance Committee hearing were unfair to the police department, as they had been brought out by the Chief of Police, and Bliss, after some computation, pointed out that the actual effective increase in salaries for the police department would be \$180, as against larger sums in other departments.

The discussion was mostly led by Black, who stated that a sufficient salary should be voted, and that the Selectmen should be united in their stand, and that, at the same time, the effect on the tax payer should not be forgotten. Black pointed out that the Chief of Police was the only official who was using a car owned by himself on town business who was not being re-imbursed. Other officials were getting \$500 a year for this, he stated. Walters named the officials as the Fire Chief, the Water Department Superintendent, the Public Health Nurse, and the Principal Assessor.

Mrs. Drew stated that Lynch believed the "mileage" system to be unfair, as it tempted officials to "pad" their figures, and she stated, she agreed with him. Bliss "The Chief of Police uses his car for plenty of business that the average man never hears of."

Black mentioned the car pool, which had been proposed by Cushing, and which had fallen by the way side with the apparent increase in the tax rate. "I don't think it would work in a town of this size."

The Selectmen finally agreed on a salary of \$4600 for all department heads (Police, Fire, Highway and Water). The salary agreed to for the Deputy Chief was \$4000, for the Sergeant \$3800, and \$3600 for the patrolmen. This was pointed out as being not too far from the department requests, and it was believed, that this was a fair salary, which the selectmen would recommend to the Finance Committee. At the same time it was agreed

to pay the Lieutenants of the Fire Department \$3899, and the firemen \$3600.

Black also pointed out that the Superintendent of the Cemetery was underpaid, at \$1.50 an hour, for 40 hours a week. "He keeps the records - meets the public - attends the meetings - only gets 40 hours a week - " It was agreed to consider an increase for this man. It was also agreed to increase the wages for the Tree Superintendent to \$3600. Black called this man "the most accomodating guy in the world".

All of these salaries will have to be discussed with the Finance Committee, Wednesday evening. It was agreed that the Town Accountant should be set to computing the differences in cost, by the wages voted, and what they would have been as originally proposed, if the 6% article were to be voted, the information to be ready for Wednesday evening.

Police Cruiser

Black also brought up the matter of the police cruiser, saying "We have got to have a new cruiser". Bliss seconded this observation. It was pointed out that the cruiser was now in a state of requiring a lot of repairs, and that it would be foolhardy to make it last another year, without an alternate.

Street lights

Street lights received a few remarks from Black. He pointed out that the sum agreed to by the Finance Committee was not enough to last the year, under the present system, not to mention the new lights that would be voted. Black stated that the board had not voted for the new lights in the center, and that they would cost more money than the old ones - \$250 a year apiece. "I go along with the lights, but we need one in front of the theatre, and one in front of the paper store" - "I think that you will find that we will need \$12,000 this year, to pay for lights".

Valuation

Mrs. Drew asked Walters what he thought the valuation would be, for 1954. His answer was \$12,000,000.

Decals

Walters reported that he had been in communication with a New Jersey firm, that had made the decals for the town of Wilmington, now seen on the side of some of the town owned vehicles. The firm had a bill for \$301.50, for which they wanted their money. They had received their order in 1953, and had been asked to make out the bill as of 1954, according to a letter which Walters read. The bill had been divided into 11 separate accounts, such as "Town Clerk" "Assessors" "Tax Collector" etc, and no one could understand why. One person called the decals "blueberry bushes".

Boiler Bills, etc.

Black asked "What about the Junior High School Boiler?" Walters reported that \$2500 had been put into the maintenance account, last year for emergencies, and that this money had gone towards paying for the boiler. The rest of the bill would come out of the 1954 emergency account, in school maintenance, he said.

The \$800 bill for work at the Mildred Rogers School was paid, Walters said. Black had a few caustic remarks to make about the bill, saying that it had been incurred in 1953 and paid in 1954, which he didn't think was right.

Plumbing Inspector

The Selectmen read a letter from the head of the State Civil Service, which listed the requirements that would be asked for, for candidates

for the position of Plumbing Inspector in Wilmington. There will be a later announcement from the head of the Civil Service.

Dolan eligible for Police Dept.

Walters announced that he had just received a letter from the Civil Service, saying that Charles J. Dolan, of Mackay road had passed the examination for the police department, and was now eligible to be appointed a police officer in Wilmington, from the date of Oct. 3, 1953.

Ambulance

Bliss asked if the ambulance was now satisfactory, and Walters reported that it was. Black: "Walters saved the town \$8000 by getting the old ambulance repaired at no cost to the town". Walters reported that he had written a letter to the Meteor Ambulance Company, of Lynn, thanking them for the use of their ambulance. Bliss: "Do I understand that we had the use of their ambulance without expense?" Mrs. Drew: "Yes - and Dean Cushing refused to take it - it was up here the next morning after the accident."

Black: "Walters did a good job in getting that ambulance, and in getting the old one repaired."

Hathaway Acres

Walters reported that he, Black, and Patrick Thibreau, Sanitarian, had conferred with Mr. Taylor, engineer in the Department of Health, in connection with what remedy should be employed respecting the drainage ditch, in Hathaway Acres. Taylor, after computation, had suggested a 30 inch pipe with loose joint, layed in loose stones. Mrs. Drew: "Isn't that expensive?" Bliss: "Yes". Walters also said that he and Black had driven up and inspected the ditch. They did not like what they had seen, he said. Old Christmas trees were in the ditch, and at the suggestion of Black, the Highway Department was going to take the debris out - "They have been so instructed on a temporary basis".

Sewerage

Walters reported that he, Black, Thibreau, Ralph Currier, and the two representatives in the General Court from this area had attended the hearing on March 3rd, in the state house, in connection with including Wilmington into the Northern Metropolitan Sewerage District. The Department of Public Health had done an excellent job, Walters stated. He pointed out that the proposed legislation is only an "enabling act" which would be authority for later moves, by the state, and by the town. Bliss: "Does this enabling act mean that they will bring the Metropolitan sewer to the Wilmington line?" Mrs. Drew: "— they will have to enlarge it in Woburn - " Black: "They have to get the money first, and that means the Legislature, through the Ways and Means Committee - \$1 million odd - that could be a stumbling block".

Walters said that the passage of this bill would give the town of Wilmington the right to accept the legislation whenever it desired - "Now or five years from now."

Dammed brook

Black reported that someone had dammed the brook that passes the old fire station, and also the one that comes down past the post-office.

He stated that he didn't think this act helped to promote good drainage. Walters promised to look into the matter.

School Building Committee

The last item discussed was the appointment of a person to take Bliss's place on the Wildwood School Building Committee. Bliss pointed out that he was part of a committee which had been appointed by the Town Manager, and which later had been voted by the town. There was a long discussion about legal points, which was settled when Black looked up the by-laws, and found that the committee itself was now responsible for appointing a third member.

During the discussion Bliss remarked that the price for a new school, of experimental built, now being discussed, in Quincy was computed at \$41,000 a room. This is apparently a second school, based on one previously erected, judging from Bliss's conversation. Bliss compared this to the cost of \$33000 a room, at the Wildwood school.

WHERE THE METHODISTS WILL BUILD



Sign, erected a few weeks ago, where the Wilmington Methodist church is planning to build a new portion of the church. A part of the church may be seen in the background. (Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)

FINE VAUDEVILLE SHOW IN AID OF FIRE VICTIMS

Wilmington Theatre, on March 23rd, at 8 p.m. is to be the scene of a fine vaudeville show, with about 24 acts, with all proceeds to go to the aid of the family which became victims of a fire, at Silver Lake, about three weeks ago. The use of the theatre has been donated by the management, and the show is sponsored by the William F. Tattersall Chapter 106, DAV. Engaged for the show is the famed Eddie Lyons Troupe, of Newton, who have donated the entire show, without charge.

Acting president Al Lynch of the William F. Tattersall Chapter, DAV, and the members have been in the front of a drive to aid the members of the family, a widowed mother and children, who lost everything in the fire. Lynch has called upon the people of Wilmington to assist, and enjoy themselves, at the same time, while aiding the family.

DAV members are selling tickets for the show, and are intending to canvas the town.

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"SMILING" DOT ROGERS (Everett)

ACCOMPANIST FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW

SIX HOURS AFTER THE RAIN



A car, ferrying its way through the "lake" at Hopkins street, after a recent rainstorm. The level of the water had dropped five or six inches before this picture was taken. (Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)



NEW MEMBERS OF WHITEFIELD LODGE, I.O.O.F.

Henry F. Cutter Jr. of Chestnut street, and Fred Chisholm of Church street, after being initiated into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Shawsheen Lodge, Billerica, Last Saturday evening. Both are now members of the Whitefield Lodge, 204, of Wilmington.

In the rear row, left to right, Noble Grand Harold Barter of Shawsheen (Billerica) Lodge, and Grand Master H. Glenwood Burrill and District Deputy Grand Master Edgar F. Riley, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

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